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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY DENT

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1. DURING MEETING WITH MUDD MORNING OF SEPT 19 VARKONYI SAID VALYI'S FUNERAL HAD NOW BEEN SCHEDULED SEPT 24 AT 1500, BUT THAT GOH ATTACHED "GREAT IMPORTANCE" TO PROCEEDING WITH VISIT ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN BUDAPEST 3136 WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TIMAR ASSUMING ROLE AS HOST. VARKONYI STRONGLY EMPHASIZED GOH'S DESIRE TO KEEP SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT SEPARATE FROM VALYI FUNERAL. SAID GOH RELYING ON OUR "UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION". SAID THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT WANT SECRETARY TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE, BUT AMBASSADOR MAY ATTEND IF HE WISHES. ASSUME GOH WISHES IN THIS REGARD STEM FRIN RELUCTANCE TO HAVE AMERICAN CABINET OFFICER AT CEREMONY WHO MIGHT OUTRANK REPS OF HUNGARY'S CEMA PARTNERS, IF, IN FACT, THERE ARE TO BE ANY OUTSIDE ATTENDANTS.

2. AM SCHEDULED TO CALL ON TIMAR LATER AFTERNOON SEPT 19 AT WHICH TIME WILL DISCUSS REVISED PROGRAM AND ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY SITUATION WITH REGARD TO FUNERAL. FOLLOWING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH TIMAR WE WILL FORWARD REVISED PROGRAM
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WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE FUNERAL ISSUE BY

IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM SECRETARY DENT AND UNDER
SECRETARY CASEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO MFA TOGETHER WITH
SIMILAR LETTER FROM ME TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MARJAI.
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